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Section 8

Uintah Basin Plan

Utah State Water Plan

Water Funding Programs

Federal, state and local governments are all part of the water program funding process.

8.1 Introduction

This section describes the funding sources for developing and conserving water resources in the Uintah Basin. Specific agency activities and responsibilities are presented. Funds for planning studies, programs and project construction are available from a number of federal, state and local funding sources. See Sections 3 and 8 in the *State Water Plan* (1990) for additional information on these programs.

8.2 Background

Funding of water development in this basin began with the sweat equity of the pioneers. Near the beginning of the 20th century, the federal government became involved in water development with the construction of a dam on Strawberry River. Most of the water developed was for agriculture and smaller amounts for municipal and industrial uses.

The Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project was initiated during the 1950s to bring water from the Duchesne River in the Upper Colorado River Basin to the Wasatch Front (Bonneville Basin). The cost of constructing the remaining facilities of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project will be shared among federal and various local entities. The Colorado River Salinity Program was introduced to reduce the salt loading from over-irrigation in the Uintah Basin. The cost for the project is cost-shared. State support is available for helping local project sponsors when necessary.

8.3 State Funding Programs

Tables 8-1 and 8-2 show current funding programs and the funding provided by state agencies for water-related projects. Funding can be grants and

loans and be provided by more than one agency. These programs can accelerate water resources development by providing sufficient funds to construct projects that are otherwise not affordable to water suppliers.

8.4 Federal Water Funding Programs

Programs and historical expenditures of the eight federal agencies that administer water project funding programs are shown in Tables 8-3 and 8-4. Table 8-5 shows expenditures on large federal projects in the Uintah Basin by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

8.5 Local Water Funding Programs

The Central Utah Water Conservancy District is primarily responsible for the administration, operation and maintenance of the Central Utah Project. These responsibilities include the sale of project water to cities, towns, communities and some smaller water providers. Because of its significant involvement in the use and distribution of project water, the district participates with water users (primarily water retailers) to improve and/or expand existing storage and distribution facilities. Funding is sometimes provided to other agencies to provide facilities for CUP purposes and are subject to approval by the district's board of directors.

A number of water districts provide funding for projects within their respective boundaries. Private financial institutions may fund water projects when sponsors have adequate repayment ability and bonding capacity. □

Table 8-1
State Funding Programs

Entity/Program	Contact Agency	Purpose	Type
Board of Water Resources Revolving Construction Fund Cities Water Loan Fund Conservation & Development Fund Dam Safety	Div. of Water Resources	Small irrigation and culinary projects. Municipal culinary water systems. Large water improvement projects. Stabilize and repair dams.	Loans Loans Loans Loans & Grants
Community Impact Fund Board Permanent Community Impact Fund Disaster Relief Board Fund	Div. of Community Development	Schools, roads, medical, and water improvement. County or municipal flood repair.	Grants & Loans Grants
Community Dev. Block Grants Policy Board Community Development Block Grants Program	Div. of Community Development	Improved living environment for small communities and counties.	Grants
Drinking Water Board Construction Program	Div. of Drinking Water	Drinking water facilities.	Loans
Water Quality Board Federal Construction Grants Wastewater Treatment Facilities	Div. of Water Quality	Wastewater treatment facilities.	Loans
Financial Assistance Program		Wastewater treatment facilities.	Grants
Soil Conservation Commission Agricultural Resource Development Loans NPS Program	Dept. of Agriculture	Improvement of cropland and non-federal rangeland. Watershed improvements.	Loans Grants
Board of Parks and Recreation Land & Water Conservation Fund	Div. of Parks and Recreation	Swimming, boating and other recreation-related facilities.	50/50 Cost-Sharing Grants
Wildlife Board Wallup/Breaux Bill	Div. of Wildlife Resources	Sport fishery management and boating access.	Grants

Table 8-2
State Water Funding Expenditures

Funding Agency/Program	Grants (\$)	Loans (\$)	Total Project (\$)	Time Period
Board of Water Resources				
Revolving Construction Fund	7,601,195		13,871,184	1947-1998
Cities Water Loan Fund	4,691,300		15,744,601	1976-1998
Conservation & Development Fund	8,391,241		15,221,838	1980-1998
Dam Safety	150,196	88,000	348,642	1993-1998
Community Development Block Grants Policy				
Community Development Block Grants Program	1,747,920			1992-1996
Drinking Water Board				
Financial Construction Program			3,709,200	1990-1996
Water Quality Board				
Federal Construction Grants			2,896,000	1950-1990
Wastewater Treatment Facilities				
Financial Assistance Program			200,000	
Utah Soil Conservation Commission			700,000	
Agricultural Resource Development Loans				
NPS Program				1988-1997

Table 8-3
Federal Funding Programs

Agency	Program	Purpose	Type
Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency	Agricultural Conservation Program Emergency Conservation Program Conservation Reserve Program	Soil, water energy conservation. Rehabilitation of farmland damaged by disasters. Reduce erosion, maintain wetland.	Grants Grants Grants
Rural Development	Rural Development	Water supply, wastewater disposal.	Grants,Loans
Natural Resources Conservation Service	Watershed Protection & Flood Prevention Resource Conservation & Development Emergency Watershed Program Environment Quality Improvement Program Resource Conservation & Development Colorado River Salinity Control Program	Flood control and protection. Multi-purpose water & related facilities. Reduce sedimentation and flooding. Soil and water conservation and quality improvement. Multi-purpose water/land conservation facilities. Reduction of salt load to the Colorado River.	Grants, Cost-Share Grants, Cost-Share Grants Grants, Cost-Share Loans Cost-share
Department of the Army Corps of Engineers	Civil Works Continuing Authorization Program Emergency Activities Flood Plain Management Program	Flood control, water supply, recreation. Flood control & protection Flood control & protection Flood plain delineation.	Cost-share Cost-share Grants Grants
Environmental Protection Agency	Non-point Source Program Investigation Program Loan Programs	Water quality. Water storage, delivery. Small multipurpose project.	Grants Loans Loans
Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation	Community Development Block Grant Program	Water resources planning and development.	Grants
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Presidential-Declared Disaster Flood Plain Management	Damage mitigation. Structure acquisition - flood plains.	Grants Grants
Federal Emergency Management Agency			

Table 8-4
Federal Water Funding Expenditures

Funding Agency/Program	Grants	Loans	Total Project	Time Period
Farm Services Agency Agriculture Conservation Program	226, 000		226,000	1993-97
Corps of Engineers Civil Works	50,000		50,000	1984-97
Emergency Activities	60,000		60,000	1987-97
Continuing Authorities	135,000		135,000	1987-97
Natural Resources Cons. Service Watershed Protect & Flood Prev.	1,370,000		1,370,000	1992-96
Resource Cons. & Development	900,000		900,000	1992-96
Emergency Watershed Program	372,000		372,000	1992-96
Salinity Control Program	41,062,000		65,634,000	1992-97
Rural Utilities Service	14,262,500	17,400,200	31,662,700	1992-98

Table 8-5
Bureau of Reclamation Funding of Water Projects

Projects	Year Completed	Cost (\$)
Strawberry Reservoir	1902	600,000
Moon Lake	1938	1,801,00
Vernal Unit	1963	10,402,000 ^a
Jensen Unit	1980	62,576,000
Bonneville Unit	in Progress	1,238,645,000

^a Does not include 12M for rehabilitation - completed in 1996